

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 56th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN CHASE HIBBARD**, on March 18, 1999 at 8:00 A.M., in Room 437 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Chase Hibbard, Chairman (R)
Rep. Kim Gillan, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Bob Story, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Gary Beck (D)
Rep. Rick Dale (R)
Rep. Bob Davies (R)
Rep. Ron Erickson (D)
Rep. Daniel Fuchs (R)
Rep. Mary Anne Guggenheim (D)
Rep. Marian Hanson (R)
Rep. Hal Harper (D)
Rep. Dan Harrington (D)
Rep. John L. Holden (R)
Rep. Verdell Jackson (R)
Rep. Scott J. Orr (R)
Rep. Bob Raney (D)
Rep. Bill Rehbein (R)
Rep. Sam Rose (R)
Rep. Trudi Schmidt (D)
Rep. Roger Somerville (R)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Donna Grace, Committee Secretary
Jeff Martin, Legislative Branch

Please Note: These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted:

HB 658 - 3/10/1999

HB 657 - 3/10/1999

HB 668 - 3/11/1999

HB 669 - 3/15/1999

Executive Action:

HB 174 - Discussion

HEARING ON HB 658

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Rep. Edith Clark, House District 88

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Proponents' Testimony:

Carl Weniger, North Montana Oil and Gas Association

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Elaine Mitchell, Accountant and Income Tax Preparer

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Gail Abercrombie, Executive Director, Montana Petroleum
Association

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Dean Mitchell, Cut Bank, Small Oil Producer

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Gary Feland, Shelby

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Jane Jelenski, Montana Association of Counties **EXHIBIT**(tah61a01)

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Jerome Anderson, Shell Oil

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Patrick Montalban, Northern Montana Oil and Gas Association

EXHIBIT(tah61a02)

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Opponents' Testimony:

None.

Informational Testimony:

Mary Bryson, Director, Department of Commerce
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 24.5}

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

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Closing by Sponsor:

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HEARING ON HB 657

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Rep. Bob Davies, House District 27
{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 8.4}

Proponents' Testimony:

Joseph Shevlin, Montana Society of CPA's
{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 9.1}

Opponents' Testimony:

None.

Informational Testimony:

Larry Allen, Department of Revenue
{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 11.9}

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 12.2}

Closing by Sponsor:

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 25.4}

HEARING ON HB 668

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Rep. Chase Hibbard, House District 54

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 26.9}

Proponents' Testimony:

Dennis Burr, Montana Taxpayers Association

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Stan Kalaczyc, Burlington Northern Santa Fe

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Alec Vincent, Burlington Northern Santa Fe

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Barbara Ranf, U. S. West **EXHIBIT**(tah61a03)

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Russ Ritter, Washington Corporation

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Mike Strand, Rural Telephone Companies

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Geoff Feiss, Montana Telecom Association

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John McNamara, A T & T **EXHIBIT**(tah61a04)

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Opponents' Testimony:

None.

Informational Testimony:

Mary Bryson, Director, Department of Revenue

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Dexter Busby, Montana Refining, Great Falls

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Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

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Closing by Sponsor:

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HEARING ON HB 669

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Rep. Bob Story, House District 24

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Proponents' Testimony:

Dennis Burr, Montana Taxpayers Association

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Steve Kaleczyk, Burlington Northern Santa Fee

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 7.4}

Russ Ritter, Montana Raillink

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Opponents' Testimony:

None.

Informational Testimony:

Mary Bryson, Director, Department of Revenue

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Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

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Closing by Sponsor:

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EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 174

Rep. Bob Story, Chairman of the Sub-Committee on HB 174, explained the executive action procedure that would be used in consideration of HB 174.

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Mary Bryson, Director, Department of Revenue. **EXHIBIT**(tah61a05)

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Motion:

Rep. Hibbard MOVED HB 174 DO PASS.

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Motion:

Rep. Hibbard MOVED the amendments. **EXHIBIT**(tah61a06)

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Discussion:

EXHIBIT(tah61a07) **EXHIBIT**(tah61a08) **EXHIBIT**(tah61a09)

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Dallas Reese, Department of Revenue **EXHIBIT**(tah61a10)

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Rep. Hibbard - Explanation of Analysis **EXHIBIT**(tah61a11)

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Questions from Committee Members:

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Jim Standaert, Legislative Fiscal Division

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EXHIBIT(tah61a12)

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Representative from Montana Power Company

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Paul Pfarr, PPL-Montana

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Doug Hardy, Electrical Cooperatives Association
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Jerry Peterson, Montana Power Company
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Tom Ebzery
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The hearing on HB 174 was recessed.

Adjourn. **{Tape : 4; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 26.1}**

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 12:05 A.M.

REP. CHASE HIBBARD, Chairman

DONNA GRACE, Secretary

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EXHIBIT (tah61aad)